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Library Publishes Annual Guide To Current Children's Books

Children's Books—1980, 17th in a series of annual guides to current children's books, has been published by the Library of Congress.

The 16-page guide, compiled in cooperation with an advisory committee of Washington area specialists, lists 160 titles, with brief annotations, chosen from the best of about 2,000 children's books published in 1980. The selection is intended to aid both public and school librarians in finding useful and enjoyable works for children from preschool age through junior high school.

Contents of the guide are arranged according to age group and subject matter: picture and picture-story books, first readings, stories for the middle group, fiction for older readers, folklore, poetry, rhymes, songs, arts, hobbies, biography, history, people, places, nature, and science.

The guide was prepared under the direction of Virginia Haviland, former chief of the Children's Literature Center, with the assistance of the following committee:

Arlington County, Virginia—Deborah Weilerstein, coordinator, Children's Services, and Elizabeth Goebel, head, Central Children's Room, Department of Libraries.

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Children's Books–1980 is available for $1.50 by mail from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (Stock No. 030–001–00099–1), or in person from the Information Counter, Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building.

Library Staffer Is Rewarded For Locating Missing Book

On June 4, Janet Ruskin of the Subject Cataloging Division received a letter of gratitude and a check for $500 from the Armand Hammer Foundation for her discovery of a missing work from the foundation's collections. The book had been mistakenly returned to the Library of Congress by the Corcoran Gallery of Art with other materials (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for March 13, p. 82). Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh made the presentation.

Mr. Welsh presents a letter and check from the Armand Hammer Foundation to Mrs. Raskin as Mr. Marcin looks on.

The bound volume of newsprint, *Journal La Caricature,* appeared on Mrs. Raskin's desk for processing in April. A senior shelflister in the Shelflisting Section, Mrs. Raskin processes rare and valuable book materials and recognized that this volume needed special handling. Unable to learn the source of the work, she expeditiously took it to Don C. Marcin, processing librarian in the Rare Book and Special Collections, and they were able to determine that the volume was, in fact, the lost item.

The rare work, especially important because it was part of a set, is now safely back in the hands of its owners.

Special Talking-Book Machine Honors NLS/BPH Anniversary Year

A special commemorative talking-book machine was presented to the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped on May 15 by Gerald Rissman, president of Interstate Industries, Inc., which has manufactured these machines for the NLS program since 1975. The commemorative machine was produced in honor of the 50th anniversary of NLS/BPH.

Gerald Rissman (center), president of Interstate Industries, Inc., presents a commemorative talking-book machine to the Library on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of NLS/BPH. Pictured (left to right) are Mary Jack Wintle, NLS/BPH assistant director; Arline Rissman; Mr. Rissman; Carol Nemeyer, Associate Librarian for National Programs; and Frank Kurt Cylke, NLS/BPH director.

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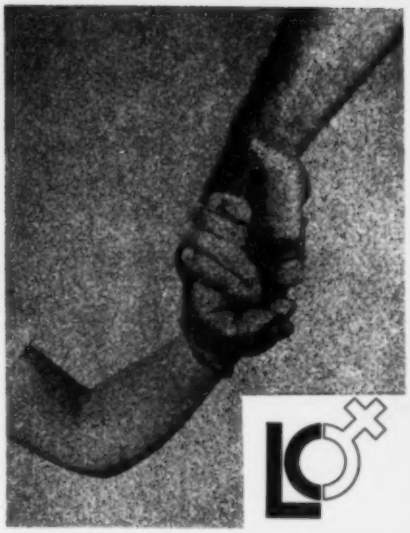
STAFF NEWS

Panel to Discuss Ways to Cope As a Working Parent

How do working parents attempt to meet both family and work obligations? Which child care decisions have worked out well, and which were not successful? What has experience taught them that might help others struggling with these dual roles? These and related questions will be discussed by a panel of Library staff members who are also parents at an hour-long program to be presented by the Women's Program Advisory Committee on Thursday, July 30, at 11:45 a.m. in the Whittall Pavilion. The panel will consist of a single parent, a working mother in a job-sharing position, a working father, and a parent with grown children. The panelists are Ellen C. Collier, specialist in U.S. foreign policy; Carolyn Hatcher, senior reference assistant; John J. Kominski, general counsel; and Nancy R. Mitchell, special events coordinator.

This program may interest other working parents, staff members considering taking on these dual responsibilities, those who supervise working parents, and persons who simply wish to get a better idea of the possible problems and rewards faced by their coworkers.

Time will be reserved for questions and comments from the audience, and it is hoped that other working



parents will share their thoughts and suggestions on the various issues discussed. Staff members wishing to use time exceeding their normal lunch period to attend this presentation should consult their supervisors.

Julia Evans Retires

Julia Evans, reference files assistant in the Library Services Division, retired on June 5 after 30 years of Federal service.

Mrs. Evans began her Federal career at the Library in 1951. She served as reference files assistant in the Aerospace Technology Division before transferring in 1969 to the Congressional Research Service. In the Library Services Division, Mrs. Evans was responsible for processing a large variety of documents for the division's main reference files, which serve as a major research resource for the CRS staff. She also assisted in processing the weekly automated current awareness service.

On June 12, Mrs. Evans was honored at a party in the Madison Building cafeteria. Accompanied by members of her family, Mrs. Evans was greeted by many friends and present and former colleagues, including CRS director Gilbert Gude. On behalf of the staff and the guest of honor's numerous friends, Jack McDonald, chief of the Library Services Division, presented Mrs. Evans with a chiming mantle clock and other gifts.

She will begin her retirement with a summer vacation in South Carolina.

Lloyd Pauls Named Assistant Coordinator of EEOCO

Lloyd A. Pauls has been named assistant coordinator, Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Office (EEOCO), effective June 15.

Mr. Pauls joined the Library staff on a part-time basis in 1961, while attending Howard University. He became a full-time employee in the Stack and Reader Division in July 1963 when he assumed the position of tour leader. He subsequently held successively responsible positions in that division, including head of the Stack Service Section. In 1973, he was appointed investigator in EEOCO. He served

as acting coordinator of the EEOCO from July to December 1979.

Judith Dixon to Head NLS/BPH Consumer Relations Section

Judith Dixon began her duties on June 15 as head of the new Consumer Relations Section in the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The mission of the new section is to strengthen the current consumer relations program and assure that the needs and views of blind and physically handicapped readers are systematically integrated into all facets of planning and program development.

Ms. Dixon brings to the position a background in consumer liaison, evaluation research, and development of service delivery systems—all involving the handicapped community. She has used the NLS/BPH library service for many years. Ms. Dixon received a bachelor's degree from Stetson University in Florida and a master's degree and a doctorate from Adelphi University in New York.

Under Ms. Dixon's direction, the new section will provide more active liaison with individual users and organized consumer groups and will focus on the development of a formally structured, ongoing effort to obtain, analyze, and respond to consumer needs. These activities will range from collection building and equipment design to the provision of tailor-made services for individuals with special needs.

Ms. Dixon will also oversee creation of a unified volunteer utilization plan to improve direct services to readers who receive books and magazines through a nationwide network of 160 cooperating libraries. The Consumer Relations Section will lead a concerted effort to increase the coordination and the scope of volunteer contributions.

Roy Wilson Earns 20-Year Pin

Roy Wilson, library technician in the Serial Record Division, received a 20-year Federal Service Award pin from Dorothy J. Glasby, acting chief of the division, on June 19.

Before coming to the former Card Division in July 1965, Mr. Wilson served four years with the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman. In November 1974, Mr. Wilson transferred to the Processing and Reference Section of the Serial Record Division and is currently assigned to that section.

Mr. Wilson lives in Virginia with his wife and two children.

Staff Activities

On Thursday, June 4, **Fred E. Croxton,** director, Automated Systems Office, delivered a paper, "Libraries in the Year 2000," as part of a week-long conference on "Science and the Information Onslaught" conducted by the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, N. Mex. The meeting was held in honor of the birthday of the laboratory's former director, Harold M. Agnew.

Maxine Dorf, braille codes section head, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, was inducted May 20 as president of the National Braille Association at its 16th Biennial Conference in Albany, N.Y. During the conference, Mrs. Dorf conducted workshops on braille for volunteers—braille transcribing, proofreading, and the official code. She also attended a meeting of the Technical Committee on Literary Braille of the Braille Authority of North America.

Virginia S. Wood, reference librarian in the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room, General Reading Rooms Division, participated in a discussion group at the Second National Maritime Preservation Conference sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the City of Baltimore on June 4–5.

Up, Up, and Away

While hiking in the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia on May 17, Rob Shields, reference librarian

in the Rare Book and Special Collections Division, found a "Right to Read Week" balloon and self-addressed post card, launched 265 miles away in Columbus, Ohio. Just one of many balloons released in celebration of the national reading awareness program, this particular balloon contained a post card from nine-year old Kerry Farrell, a Stevenson Elementary School student. Mr. Shields and his supervisor, Peter Van Wingen, wrote a letter inviting Miss Farrell to visit the Library and promised her a personal tour of the building when she is able to come to Washington, D.C. An account of the story, including Miss Farrell's photograph, appeared on the front page of the community newspaper in Columbus.

Birth Announcement

Delana and John Jackson, Jr., are the parents of a daughter, Sherri Renee, born on March 18 at the Arlington Hospital in Arlington, Va. Mrs. Jackson is a secretary in the Center for Naval Analyses. Mr. Jackson is a research analyst in the Federal Research Division.

Personnel Changes

Appointment: Inge Harman, project administrator, GT–9, Hisp, 10160.

Temporary Appointments: Sandra Bailey, library aid, GS–1, Loan, NP; Evelyn Dancy, library aid, GS–1, GRR, NP; Randolph Peoples, master files assistant, GS–3, CRS L, 10133.

Reappointment: Claudia Ruoff, preservation microfilm assistant, GS–5, Preserv, 10135.

Temporary Reappointments: Sophie Rentz, reference librarian, GS–9, Afr/ME, 10190; Addie Townsend, clerk-typist, GS–3, ELO, NP.

Promotions: Howard Bowen, to mail clerk, GS–5, CS, 10205; George Fullen, to assistant supervisor/stack services, GS–8, LL O, 10163; Ronald Goudreau, to head, MARC Monograph Conversion Section, GS–12, MARC Ed, 10114; Mary Ison, to reference specialist (A, D, & EC), GS–12, P&P, 10144; Annette Melville, to reference specialist (bibliography), GS–12, P&P, 10144; Douglas Warshof, CRS PPR, to legal advisor to the director, GS–15, CRS D, 10184.

Transfers: Susie Harlee, Bldgs, to clerk-typist, GS–3, Cat Publ, P–108E; Vernon Strobel II, Col Mgmt, to registration numbering clerk, GS–4, Cop Acq & Proc, 10143.

Resignations: Marc Cornett, LL; Jacqueline Edwards, FMO; Catherine King, Cop Exam; Marie LaVigna, AFC; Gayle Petro, ASO; Fulton Shockley, Photodup; Ann Terzidis, Cat Publ; Jonathan Wood, CRS MAS.

The engraved plaque on the machine's cover reads:

> This talking-book machine commemorates the successful Library of Congress program of providing disc books and magazines for blind and physically handicapped individuals through 1981. As the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped enters its second half century of service, more advanced equipment will be made available through research, development, and technical advances.

Research, development, and technical advances have been basic components of the NLS/BPH program since Congress extended the definition of providing books for blind adults to include recorded material in 1934, only three years after the service began providing braille books.

The first talking-book records were a significant technological advance over others available for home use at that time. They played at a speed of 33⅓ r.p.m. years before this playing speed became available to the general public. The machines were huge by today's standards. They measured 28 inches deep, 18 inches wide, and 12 inches high, and weighed between 35 and 40 pounds. They provided about 15 minutes of reading material on each 12-inch side. Each time a record was started or turned over a new steel needle had to be used.

Current talking-book machine measure not quite half that size and weigh about 10 pounds. They can play discs recorded at speeds of 33⅓, 16⅔, or 8⅓ revolutions per minute. Books and magazines for the NLS/BPH program are recorded at the 8⅓ r.p.m. speed to provide the most playing time on each 10-inch disc, up to 88 minutes per side. The needles have industrial diamond tips and provide years of use.

Today more books for blind and physically handicapped readers are produced on cassette tape than in any other format. Cassettes were first field tested in 1968 and proved popular with readers. Cassette machines can play at two speeds and have control switches that can be identified by touch. Each four-side cassette, recorded at half the speed of commercial tapes, contains about six hours of reading material.

Library Settles Discrimination Suite

The Library's desire for strict compliance with its own regulations recently led the agency to settle a Title VII discrimination action filed in the U.S. District Court, District of Columbia, by a GS–5 staff member who applied for a GS–7 position several times (*Nobles* v. *Boorstin,* U.S.D.C., D.C.; Civil Action No. 80–2998).

Each time she applied, the staff member's application was rejected because she failed to meet the posted requirement of six months' related experience at the GS–6 level. After LCR 2010–18.1, *Time-in-Grade Requirements for Appointments and Promotions for Bargaining Unit Positions,* was promulgated, she requested a waiver of time-in-grade under Section 6.C. so that she might apply for the same position. The acting director of personnel denied her request, but failed to submit the request to The Librarian for a final decision as the LCR provides. The staff member, therefore, was not afforded The Librarian's consideration, as was her right.

In her civil action, the staff member alleged that she was the subject of discrimination on the basis of sex, age, and race. The Library denied those allegations but decided to settle the case because of its desire for strict compliance with its regulations by both management and staff, particularly with regard to time-in-grade matters promulgated pursuant to negotiated agreements with labor organizations. The plaintiff staff member was offered, and accepted, a GS–6 position which should afford her qualifying experience for consideration for higher level positions.

Library of Congress Publications

Guide to Subdivision Practice Now Available

This new publication replaces the out-of-print reprint of the introduction to the eighth edition of *Library of Congress Subject Headings* (LCSH 8). The guide to subdivision practice consists of sections drawn from previously existing publications. The section describing the general components of headings in LCSH is extracted from the introduction to the ninth edition (LCSH 9) and reflects practice as of August 1979. The lists of subdivisions are based on the lists printed in the introductory matter to the 1979 annual supplement. The lists under place names have been updated through December 1980, but the list of most commonly used subdivisions is identical to that in the supplement. The scope notes from LCSH 8 have been reprinted exactly as they originally appeared and they therefore reflect practice as of 1974.

Because this publication reproduces information found in the LCSH 8 introduction, the 1979 annual, and the LCSH 9 introduction, it will fill the needs of those persons who subscribe only to the microform LCSH and of persons who prefer to have this information together in one publication instead of scattered about. Persons who have found the reprint of

the introduction to the eighth to be useful may wish to acquire this item, as may reference librarians and library school students.

The 72-page guide, paperbound in a bright red cover, is available from Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541, for $10.

New Publication

Library of Congress Selected Publications, 1981. Washington, D.C., 1981. (44 p.) This catalog brings together for the first time a selection of books published by the Library in recent years that will be of particular interest to a broad range of scholars and librarians. The range of subjects includes area studies, music, law, preservation, and photography. All of the publications were issued by the Government Printing Office and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents or at GPO bookstores. The catalog is free upon request from the Library of Congress, Central Services Division, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Ongoing Publications

Cataloging Service Bulletin. ISSN 0160–0029. No. 12. This issue contains additional and revised AACR 2 Library of Congress rule interpretations; information on descriptive cataloging of "made-up" collections; a statement on the cross-reference structure in the Library of Congress automated authority file; an explanation of Iban names; a note on AACR 2 monographic series; a list of dictionaries used as an aid in romanization; information on discontinuing [*topic*] *in* [*place*] subject headings; the status of the headings *Soviet Union* vs. *Russia* in subject cataloging practice; the policy for using special cities in local subdivision practice; a note on Washington (D.C.) in subject heading practice; guidelines for establishing names of individual geographic features; guidelines for assigning names of buildings and other structures; a note on subject headings for works of art; a decision on a collocating device for liturgical works; notification of a change of policy on reversible subject headings; a note on LCSH in microform; information on LC classification policy for treatment of editions under AACR 2 and guidelines for cuttering geographic entities whose name forms have changed; information on the availability of new publications and services (*Bibliographic Description of Rare Books;* CONSER Tables; *Summary of MARC Format Specifications for Technical Reports;* CDS Alert Service); and a revised Burmese romanization table. Available from the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541, for $10 a year.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Automative Maintenance and Repair. ISSN 0090–5232. (TB 80–14) December 1980. Compiled by James T. Chandler and Eugene Abbondelo, this literature guide provides the weekend mechanic and do-it-yourselfer with a listing of basic reference works and self-help manuals. Copies may be obtained free on request from the Library of Congress, Science and Technology Division, Science Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20540. Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.

The Library of Congress, 1980: A Brief Summary of the Major Activities for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 1980. ISSN 0162–6426. Washington, D.C., 1981. (31 p.) Free upon request from the Library of Congress, Central Services Division, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Library of Congress Publications in Print: Spring 1981. ISSN 0083–1603. Washington, D.C., 1981. (xvi, 72 p.) Prepared by Edward P. Cambio, General Reading Rooms Division, this catalog offers a complete listing of the Library's free and priced publications and recordings. Free upon request from the Library of Congress, Central Services Division.

MARC Formats for Bibliographic Data. Update No. 2. March 1981. The quarterly looseleaf update service for September 1980 through December 1981 is priced as follows: Complete set, $30; Basic Text, $17.50; Appendix I—Indexes, $15; Appendix II—Code Lists, $15; Appendix III—Record Structure, $10; Appendix IV—History, $15. (Discounts are available on orders of 50 or more copies of the same item to the same address.) For sale from the Cataloging Distribution Service.

Talking Book Topics. ISSN 0039–9183. Vol. 47, No. 3. May–June 1981. This bimonthly annotated listing of books added to the Library of Congress national talking-book collection includes news about free library services for blind and physically handicapped readers and lists popular magazines recorded on cassettes and discs. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

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